

## REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2020

### INTRODUCTION

God is our refuge and strength; a very present help in trouble. Psalm 46 <sup>1</sup>

What does the Lord require of you, but to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6 <sup>8</sup>



### ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

We meet in the presence of God to commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace.

We pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

We remember with thanksgiving and sorrow those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present have been given and taken away, including many who lived in this village.

*The list of those to be remembered by name is read*

### THE LAYING OF WREATHS

*After which a member of the Royal British Legion says:-*

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them. **We will remember them.**

*The Last Post*

### THE SILENCE

*... followed by Reveille*

Ever-living God,  
we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war  
into the peace of your presence;  
may that same peace calm our fears,  
bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### ACT OF COMMITMENT led by the Revd Nigel Gordon-Potts

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and all people that we may help, encourage, and comfort others, and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

**Lord God our Father, we pledge ourselves to serve you and all humanity, in the cause of peace, for the relief of want and suffering, and for the praise of your name. Guide us by your Spirit; give us wisdom; give us courage; give us hope; and keep us faithful now and always. Amen.**

**BIBLE READING**      Isaiah 43.1–3a

But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.

**REFLECTION** Revd Ben Phillips

**PRAYERS** led by Revd Fr Kenneth Macnab

Lord God, the maker and redeemer of all, as we come before you in grief and praise this day, comfort us with your presence, make us attentive to your voice, and sustain us with the hope of your kingdom.

Lord in your mercy                                      **Hear our prayer.**

Jesus, our companion, when we are driven to despair, help us, through the friends and strangers we encounter on our path, to know you as our refuge, our way, our truth and our life.

Lord in your mercy                                      **Hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve: bless all who, following in his steps, give themselves to the service of others; that with wisdom, patience, and courage, they may minister in his name to the suffering and the needy; for the love of him who laid down his life for us, your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Lord in your mercy                                      **Hear our prayer.**

**In darkness and in light, in trouble and in joy, help us, heavenly Father, to trust your love, to serve your purpose, and to praise your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**And forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive them that trespass against us;**

**And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever.    Amen.**

*Pray for our Queen and our Government as we sing:*

**God save our gracious Queen!  
Long live our noble Queen!  
God save the Queen!  
Send her victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us,  
God save the Queen.**

*We say together the prayer of St Francis of Assisi:*

**Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love.  
Where there is injury, pardon.  
Where there is discord, vision.  
Where there is doubt, faith.  
Where there is despair, hope.  
Where there is darkness, light.  
And where there is sadness, joy.  
O divine Master,  
grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;  
to be understood as to understand;  
to be loved, as to love;  
for it is in giving that we receive,  
it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.**

## **BLESSING**

**ANTHEM, *music by Sir Edward Elgar***

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### *Prayers to use at home*

Lord Jesus Christ  
when fear and anxiety besiege us  
and hope is veiled in grief,  
hold us in your wounded hands  
and make your face shine on us again,  
for you are our Lord and God.  
**Amen.**

Lord Jesus Christ,  
you taught us to love our neighbour,  
and to care for those in need  
as if we were caring for you.

In times of anxiety, give us strength  
to comfort the fearful, to tend the sick,  
and to assure the isolated  
of our love, and your love,  
for your name's sake.

Crown us, O God, but with humility,  
and robe us with compassion,  
that, as you call us into the kingdom of your Son,  
we may strive to overcome evil  
by the power of good  
and so walk gently on the earth  
with you, our God, for ever.

**Amen.**